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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 22, 2003,
Applicant respectfully submits the following:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, lines 23-31 and continuing on page 9, lines 1-10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Monitor circuits 107-1 ~ 107-N monitor the state of the optical signals such as the optical signal amplitude and the differential loss between the channels at each output port of the optical switch 105. A controller 110 includes a monitor selector 121, for selecting one of the monitor circuits 107-1 ~ 107-N, an amplifier controller 122 that